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1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, MISSION IS CONVINCED THAT RECENT NDPC ACTION RAISING JAPAN FROM CONFIDENTIAL TO SECRET IN CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 SHOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT FOR LONG-TERM US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONS. AS WE UNDERSTAND REFTEL, ITS INTENT IS TO ASSURE THAT ITS RECIPIENTS ARE AWARE OF THE CHANGES AND TO REAFFIRM EXISTING PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO RELEASABILITY OF DATA. WHILE MESSAGE IS, ACCORDINGLY, LIMITED TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS, WE TRUST THAT OUR RESPONSES TO FUTURE JAPANESE INQUIRIES IN REGARD TO SYSTEMS SUCH AS THOSE THAT PROVIDED STIMULUS FOR NEW POLICY WILL REFLECT SPIRIT OF CHANGE. IN OTHER WORDS, WHILE THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO AUTOMATICITY INVOLVED IN RELEASING DATA, AND EACH PROPOSAL MUST BE PROCESSED ON ITS MERITS, WHOLE PURPOSE OF NDPC ACTION WAS TO PUT JAPAN ON SAME BASIS AS NATO
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COUNTRIES, ENCOURAGE EVEN CLOSER DEFENSE COOPERATION AND COMPATIBILITY OF US AND JAPANESE SYSTEMS, AND DISCOURAGE PROCUREMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES OR DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS.

2. ADMIRAL RYOHEI OGA, JMSDF COMMANDER WILL BE VISITING US MAY 7-19 AS CNO GUEST, AND WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL

INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RELEASABILITY OF TECHNOLOGY
RELATING TO P-3 AND OTHER NAVY SYSTEMS. WE WOULD HOPE
HE WILL FIND OUR RESPONSE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE
WITHIN EXPANDED GUIDELINES. MANSFIELD

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